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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.56 and in accordance with 37 CFR §1.97 et. seq., Applicant, through and by his attorneys, hereby directs the Examiner's attention to the documents enclosed.

A filled in form listing all of the enclosed documents is presented herewith for the Examiner's review and convenience. Copies of the listed documents are enclosed.

By inclusion of any given document in this Information Disclosure Statement, Applicant in no way admits that such document is effective as prior art against the above-identified application under either 35 USC §102 or 35 USC §103.

The undersigned attorney certifies as specified in 37 CFR §1.97(e) that each item of information contained in the Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a

communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart application not more than three months prior to the filing of this statement.

The Examiner is requested to independently review each cited reference for its relevance to the present case.

However, if any fee is deemed to be due, Applicant(s) authorizes the Commissioner to charge said fee to Deposit Account No. 07-1765.

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